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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Rabbi Harvey and  
4 Vivien Well and Mr. Lawrence A. Sherman on being the honorees  
5 at the 2007 Keter Award Banquet of the Associated Talmud Torahs  
6 of Chicago; and

7           WHEREAS, The 2007 Keter Award Banquet of the Associated  
8 Talmud Torahs of Chicago will take place on Sunday, November  
9 18, 2007; and

10           WHEREAS, Rabbi Well is retiring after serving as the  
11 Superintendent of the Associated Talmud Torahs for 30 years;  
12 his innovative educational and leadership skills have led the  
13 Associated Talmud Torahs to succeed and grow as the Central  
14 Agency for Torah Education in Chicago; he is a graduate of the  
15 Chicago day school system and Roosevelt University; he received  
16 his S'micha from the Hebrew Theological College and his PhD  
17 from Loyola University; and

18           WHEREAS, Rabbi Well has taught at the Jewish University, at  
19 Loyola University, and the Ida Crown Jewish Academy; he  
20 previously served as Principal at Akiba Schecter Day School and  
21 the interim Principal at the Ida Crown Jewish Academy; some of  
22 the innovative programs instituted during his tenure include:

1 the Oscar and Bernice Novick P'tach Program for children with  
2 learning disabilities, the Associated Talmud Torahs Frankel  
3 Teacher's Resource Center, the Goldman Computer Department,  
4 and many other programs that serve the entire Jewish Community  
5 of Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Vivien Well has been a true partner in all of  
7 Rabbi Well's endeavors; she is also an alumna of the Chicago  
8 day school system and is an active participant in AMIT, the  
9 Skokie mikvah, and the Associated Talmud Torahs; Vivien has  
10 taught at P'tach and Arie Crown Hebrew Day School and is  
11 currently the graphic artist at the Associated Talmud Torahs  
12 Frankel Teacher's Resource Center; Rabbi and Mrs. Well will be  
13 honored with the inaugural ATT Jewish Educational Leadership  
14 Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Lawrence A. Sherman is the Chairman and  
16 founder of Puritan Finance Corporation; he is a life-long  
17 supporter of Jewish Education and Jewish causes in Chicago,  
18 Israel, and around the world; he is currently on the Board of  
19 Overseers of the Hebrew Union College and he has been a leader  
20 in Reform Judaism for many years; he served for many years on  
21 the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan  
22 Chicago, including four years as the Chairman of the Jewish  
23 Education Committee; he is a true friend of the Associated  
24 Talmud Torahs and is being honored with the Reuben and Francis

1 L. Feinberg Memorial Crown for Community Service in  
2 appreciation of his many years of supporting Jewish education;  
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 congratulate Rabbi Well, Mrs. Vivien Well, and Mr. Lawrence  
7 Sherman on receiving these great honors; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
9 presented to Rabbi Well, Mrs. Vivien Well, and Mr. Lawrence  
10 Sherman as symbols of our respect and esteem.